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LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE--

INFORMAL PLENARY CONTINUED AUGUST 4 TO CONSIDER ARTICLES 6 AND 7 OF THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT WHICH DEAL WITH CONCILIATION AND WITH APPLICATION OF PART IV, SECTION 88 PROCEDURES FOR OBLIGATORY, FINAL AND BINDING DECISIONS, RESPECTIVELY.

LOS COMMITTEE I IS HAVING SERIOUS DIFFICULTY ORGANIZING ITS WORK. THE GROUP OF 77 ADOPTING EXTREMIST POSITIONS ON PROCEDURE, AND DEMONSTRATING SERIOUS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND WITH CHAIRMAN ENGO (CAMEROON).

KEY DIFFICULTY APPEARS TO BE THAT G-77 WANTS FULL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR VIEWS ON UNACCEPTABILITY OF SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION IN THE REVISED TEXT, AND INDIA, SUPPORTED BY OTHERS, PUSHING VERY HARD TO SEE THAT IT IS THE FIRST ITEM TAKEN UP. PROCEDURES PROPOSED BY G-77 AND, ON OTHER EXTREME, BY ENGO ARE BOTH UNWIELDY AND THREATEN TO RE-OPEN IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF TEXT THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN NEGOTIATED. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 3121, 3122).

NATURAL DISASTERS--

UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON EXPRESSED TO MISOFFS HIS PERSONAL DISPLEASURE OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN UNDRO, ESPECIALLY LACK OF LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION BY BERKOL, AND ADDED THAT FAILURE TO RESOLVE UNDRO STAFFING PROBLEM CONTINUED TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PROGRAM. HE EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION OVER MANNER IN WHICH UNDRO ITEM IN ECOSOC IS BEING HANDLED BY BERKOL, WHOSE PREOCCUPATION IS WITH GETTING UNDRO'S FULL COSTS TRANSFERRED TO UN REGULAR BUDGET. DAVIDSON STRESSED HE IS INTENT ON RESISTING THOSE EFFORTS, AND HE INTIMATED HIS ENERGY AND PATIENCE ARE NEARLY EXHAUSTED IN ATTEMPTING TO MINIMIZE UN EXPENDITURES

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WHEN THOSE GOVERNMENTS MOST INSISTENT ON THIS ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO TAKE DECISIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS OBJECTIVE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 3117)

G-LEVEL SALARIES--

UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON SAID HE KNEW NOTHING OF ANY PLAN FOR THE SYG TO PRESENT TO UNGA COMMITTEE 5 A PROPOSAL

ON METHODOLOGY FOR LOCAL SURVEYS ON GENERAL SERVICE SALARIES.
HE CONFIRMED ARRANGEMENT RECENTLY MADE IN GENEVA WITH STAFF
AGREEMENT FOR DEFERMENT OF AUGUST 1 COST-OF-LIVING PAY INCREASE.
HE WAS CERTAIN ONE MORE ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION WOULD HAVE
TO BE GRANTED IN GENEVA, PROBABLY AROUND DECEMBER, BEFORE
ICSC TAKES OVER QUESTION OF DETERMINATING GS SALARY LEVELS.
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 3118)

USE OF SPACE IN VIENNA DONAUPARK COMPLEX--

NOTING THERE WILL BE ROOM FOR 4700 UN STAFF IN VIENNA
DONAUPARK COMPLEX, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON SAID
EXISTING VIENNA BODIES (UNIDO, IAEA, ETC) WILL TAKE UP
2700 OF THESE SPACES, BUT UNDER NORMAL GROWTH CONDITIONS CAN
BE EXPECTED TO USE 1000 MORE WITHIN A FEW YEARS. THIS LEAVES
SPACE FOR 1000 TO BE FILLED BY RELOCATION OF NEW YORK OR
GENEVA SECRETARIAT UNITS OR BY
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW UNITS. DAVIDSON TOLD MISOFFS HE HAD CONSUL-
TED EXTENSIVELY WITH SWISS AND AUSTRIANS AND BELIEVES HE
PACIFIED BOTH, AND HE PLANS TO INITIATE FORMAL CONSULTATIONS
SOON WITH USG. EVIDENCE IS CLEAR IT WILL BE MUCH LESS COSTLY
TO OPERATE ANY UN UNIT IN VIENNA THAN IN GENEVA, AND DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN NEW YORK AND VIENNA IS NEGLIGIBLE. DAVIDSON WOULD
PREFER TO HAVE THE SYG'S REPORT ON VIENNA MAKE SPECIFIC
RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNITS TO MOVE, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED IT MAY
CONTAIN MERELY GENERAL GUIDELINES WITH DECISION LEFT TO
THE GA. HE PERSONALLY SUGGESTED MOVING TO VIENNA THE CENTER
FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, AND POSSIBLY
UN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. OTHERS MIGHT
BE SUBSTANTIVE UNCTAD STAFF, CENTER FOR HOUSING,
BUILDING AND PLANNING, AND THE OFFICE FOR SCIENCE AND TECH-
NOLOGY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE UN SECRETARIAT POSITION
ON MOVING CCD FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON
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CCD DECISION. DAVIDSON AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF U.S., AUSTRIA
AND SWITZERLAND COMING TO SOME AGREEMENT BEFORE THE
SYG FINALIZES AND ISSUES HIS REPORT.(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --
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